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Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital
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NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

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The San Francisco Office received a complaint and information that an unlicensed paging transmitter, operating on 929.6125 and 929.6625 MHz, was allegedly operating in the vicinity of Salinas, in Monterey County, California. On September 13, 2013, an agent from this office investigated the complaint and confirmed by direction finding techniques that the paging operation radio signals on frequency 929.6125 and 929.6625 MHz were emanating from a paging radio transmitter located at the rooftop of the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. At the time of the inspection, the agent determined that Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital was operating the paging service (Commercial Mobile Radio Service, Private Carrier Paging;¹ or Public Mobile Services, Paging and Radio Telephone Service²) with no evidence of an authorization. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a paging service at this location on 929.6125 and 929.6625 MHz in Salinas, California.

A Paging Service station must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq.* Thus, this station is operating in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 301.

You are hereby warned that the operation of a paging service transmitter without a valid station authorization constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator of this illegal operation to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary forfeitures, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (*see* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510).

UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 20.9

² 47 C.F.R. Part 22, Subpart E

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with proof of your license or authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

David K. Hartshorn
District Director
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Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended
Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet," March 2005